

December 5, 2005

Present: Chairman Sheila Anson, Joe Fredlund, Ray Reich, Lou Magnoli, Tim Cook, C.J. Kersten, Holly Haas. Coordinator Lisa Easter, clerk Mary Anne Greene.

Visitor: Mike Hill.

Call to Order: Sheila Anson called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. noting there was a quorum present.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 14, 2005 meeting with the following correction made by Holly Haas: section on playground equipment should read "Tot Lot" NOT Washington Primary School. By Ray Reich, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

Visitor:

- **Mike Hill** attended this evening's meeting to discuss his Senior Project which will be a visual history of Shepaug High School's Baseball championships (Berkshire League and State). Mike is hoping to have signs made that would be hung on the fence at the Ted Alex Field. There was some discussion as to the material they would be made from, safety if placed in the outfield, suggestion of placing on backstop. Ray Reich and Tim Cook offered to meet at the field with Mike and Coach Werkhoven. **Motion:** To approve of the project conceptually, contingent on appearance, placement, etc. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To authorize Ray Reich and Tim Cook to proceed with decision making on the project with Mike. The Commission will support their decision and ask that they report at the January meeting. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **River Walk Park:** Joe Fredlund reported that Zoning had approved the sign for the Pavilion. A deposit has been mailed and the sign should be ready in 3-4 weeks. The garage door has been installed on the equipment shed. Thank you again to the Washington Grange and a "photo op" will be planned. Discussion of placing a cupula on the shed to be built by Larry Cable - it would match the Pavilion one. Other Pavilion business: **Motion:** To approve an expenditure of no more than \$750 for the construction of a cupula on the equipment shed by Larry Cable. If the cost will be more the Commission will re-address the issue. By Tim Cook, seconded by Joe Fredlund and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To offer the position of groundskeeper for next season to Larry Cable. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by C.J. Kersten and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To purchase 60 chairs, 10 round tables and 2 rectangle tables for a cost of approximately \$5000. By Tim Cook, seconded by C.J. Kersten, and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To purchase a grill for approximately \$3900. By Joe Fredlund, seconded by Tim Cook and unanimously approved. **Thank you to Charlie Showalter** for donating his time in locking up the pavilion. Lisa Easter reported she had received the estimate from **Grass Roots** for spreading lime - \$2394. She will check prices elsewhere.
- **Beach/Boat Launch:** Ray Reich reported the ice is forming nicely !
- **New Year's Eve Dance:** Linda Spak and Helga Hershey are chairing this event. Parks and Rec and the Town are merely selling the tickets. It is not a Parks and Recreation sponsored event.
- **Holiday in the Depot:** John Gueniat will again be performing his magic by bringing the North Pole to the Main Hall. All seems to be in order with Washington Business Association running the event. Town has paid for the horse drawn wagon.

- **Basketball:** Tim Cook reported the travel teams have started. The referees are all set. The Rec leagues start on January 7th; a "Youth Night" is being scheduled. Registrations are still coming in. Lisa Easter reported Paul Cullen from Region #12 would like to meet with someone regarding using the facilities. She reminded Tim that it is not just a Washington program - but a program that involves children from all three towns. Lisa has scheduled a **Hot Shot Tournament** for January 20th. First and second grades need a coach - Tim will get straightened out at the next meeting on 12/14/05.
- **Master Plan:** Tabled until next month.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Lisa reported that Washington Montessori School will be hosting the Karate program this winter. There will be a "grading" tomorrow night at the Washington Primary School.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Shepaug Athletic Fund:** Tim Cook and Joe Fredlund distributed a "DRAFT" that outlined an idea for a fund that would raise money for all Shepaug Middle and High School sports. The money is to be used for two purposes: fund capital improvement projects and special athletic events. There would be a Board of Directors and fund raising would include letters to alumni, town residents and events end organizations. Holly Haas suggested that due to the fact this would involve the whole Region, the Board should make periodic reports to the Towns Parks and Recreation Commissions - not just Washington's. There is a great deal of work yet to be done - applying for non-profit status, working with Athletic Director, the Region #12 office, obtaining legal opinions, etc. More discussion to take place next month.
- **Meeting Dates for 2006:** The following dates were approved for Parks and Recreation Commission meetings: January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 8, June 19, July 17, September 11, October 16, November 13 and December 11.
- **Budget Workshop:** There will be a budget workshop meeting on January 9, 2006 at 6:00p.m. prior to the regular meeting at 7:00p.m.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Sheila Anson reported that **Mark Showalter** has recovered very nicely from his surgery. This year's **Christmas ornament** (sponsored by the Fire Department Women's Auxiliary) is Papa Joe's hot dog wagon. Congratulations to the **Reich Family** on the occasion of Ann Marie's Wedding! **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m. as there was no further business to discuss.

NEXT MEETING: January 9, 2006 - 6:00p.m. Budget Workshop, 7:00p.m. Regular Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Clerk